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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION
OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 USC 371

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

July 29, 1999

Sir:

In supplement to the response filed on July 20, 1999, applicants respectfully provide the further supplemental comments.

In the July 20, 1999 response, it was correctly noted that the second listed inventor, Keiko Abdelghafar, signed the declaration in the above-identified United States application with her correct name as of the time of signing on January 26, 1999. It was also correctly stated that Ms. Keiko Abdelghafar's maiden name, which she used at the time of filing the international application, was Keiko Kushida. However, in further studying this matter, it has been determined that Ms. Keiko Abdelghafar actually was married prior to the time of filing the international application, but chose to continue using her maiden for matters concerning her employer, Hitachi, Ltd. (including patent applications) until 1998. Therefore, the statement made in the July 20, 1999 response that "Specifically, Ms. Keiko Abdelghafar married

between the time of the international application...and the time of entry into the national phase in the United States" was not technically correct. Accordingly, the present supplemental response is provided to clarify this matter.

As noted in the response, a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 and an appropriate declaration setting forth the facts regarding the name change will be filed in the near future.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (501.36894X00), and please credit any excess fees to said deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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